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OF

*Mutual Defence and Alliance*

BETWEEN

**His Majesty,**

And the

**ESTATES GENERAL**

OF THE

**UNITED PROVINCES**

Of the LOW-COUNTRIES:

Together

With a Confirmation of the *Articles*  
of Commerce, agreed upon by the  
Treaty at **BREDA**.

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*A perpetual League of mutual Defence  
and Alliance between His Majesty,  
and the Estates General of the United  
Provinces of the Low-Coun-  
tries; Together with a Confirmation  
of the Articles of Commerce, agreed  
upon by the Treaty at Breda.*



Hereas by the late Treaty concluded at *Breda*, between the most Serene and most Potent Prince and Lord *Charles* the Second, King of *Great Britain* on the one part, and the High and Mighty Lords the States General of the *United Provinces* on the other part, the ancient Friendship and good Correspondency between the two Nations has by the mercy of God been restored; And for the taking away all occasions of new Differences for the future, and for preventing such Accidents as might happen between the Subjects of either side to the disturbance of the said Amity and good Correspondence; certain Rules and Articles of Commerce and Navigation were then agreed upon, and particularly in the 11. Article of the said Treaty it was agreed, That the said Lord the King, and the said Lords the States General should be

and remain Friends, Confederates and Allyes, for the defending the Rights and Priviledges of each others Subjects, against all persons whatsoever, who should endeavour by Land or Sea to disturb the Peace of either State, or who being Inhabitants in either Dominions should be declared Publick Enemies of either State: But yet no particular mention being therein made of the Aids and Succours wherewith one Party should in such case be obliged to assist the other; And as well the said King, as the said States General, resolving to strengthen and to bring yet to further perfection the said Agreements, have agreed in the first and principal place to confirm, as by these Presents they do confirm the said Treaty concluded at *Breda*, and the said Rules and Articles of Commerce thereto belonging, mutually obliging themselves to a sincere and perpetual observation of them, and to cause them to be strictly and religiously observed and fulfilled by the Subjects on either side, according to the genuine sense and meaning of the said Treaty, and the Articles therein contained. And further for ascertaining the Succours to be mutually given, which was omitted in the said Treaty as aforesaid, as well to improve and increase the Friendship that is between the said Lord the King, and the said Lords the States General, as for seasonably providing by a closer Union and Alliance for the mutual safety and defence of each State against the hostile attempts and practices of whomsoever, and under what pretence soever, We whose names are underwritten, by virtue of the Powers and Commissions to Us granted, and which are to be inferred in the close hereof, have agreed and concluded,

concluded; That the said Lord the King of *Great Britain*, and the said Lords the States General of the *United Netherlands*, shall be, and by vertue of these Presents they are mutually allied, united and confederate in a perpetual Defensive League, on the Terms and Conditions following,

That if any Prince or State, or any other of what condition soever, none excepted, shall under any pretence whatsoever, invade, or endeavour to invade the Territories, Countries, or any places whatsoever, under the Dominion of the said King of *Great Britain*, or exercise any other act of Hostility, either by Land or Sea, against the said Lord the King, or his Subjects; the said Lords the States General shall be obliged, and by vertue of these Presents they are obliged for the Opposing, Suppressing or Repelling of such Attempts, and acts of Hostility, and for obtaining reparation of damages sustained thereby, to assist the said Lord the King with forty Ships of War well equipped, of which 14 to carry between 20 and 30 Guns, and 400 men apiece one with another: Fourteen others, from 40 to 60 Guns, and at least 300 men apiece one with another, and none of the rest to carry less then 36 Guns, and 200 men: As also with 6000 Boord, and 400 Horse, or the just value in Money of such succour, at the choice of the said Lord the King, or with such part of the said succour, or the value of it in Money, as the said Lord the King shall desire; the said succour to be given within the space of six weeks after they shall be required; and the said Lord the King to refund with pay all the Charges

Charges to the said Lords the States within three years after the end of the War.

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That if any Prince or State, or any other who-  
soever he be, none excepted, shall upon any pretence  
whatsoever, invade or endeavour to invade the *Uni-  
ted Provinces*, or any places under the Dominion  
of the said Lords the States General, or where they  
have a Garrison, or shall exercise any other act of Ho-  
stility by Sea or Land, against the said Lords the States  
General, or their subjects, The said Lord the King  
shall be obliged, and by vertue of these Presents he  
is obliged for the opposing, suppressing and repelling  
the said Attempts and acts of Hostility, and for ob-  
taining reparation of damages thereby received, to  
assist the said Lords the States with 40 Ships of War  
well equipped, of which number 14 to carry between  
60 and 80 Guns, and 400 men apiece one with another;  
Fourteen others from 40 to 60 Guns, and at least 300  
men one with another, and none of the rest to carry  
less than 36 Guns, and 250 Men; and also with 6000  
Foot and 400 Horse, or a just value in Money for  
such succour, at the choice of the said Lords the States,  
or with such part of the said succour, or the value of it  
in Money as they shall desire; the said succour to be  
given within the space of six weeks after it shall be re-  
quired; and the said Lords the States General to re-  
fund and pay back to the said Lord the King all  
Charges within three years after the end of the War  
and the said Lord the King shall be obliged to  
The said Ships of War, and the Auxiliary Forces of  
Horse and Foot, together with the Captains of Ships,  
and

and Commanders of those Forces, and other the inferior Officers, shall be under the Command of the party injur'd, and shall obey such Orders as they shall receive from him or them who shall have the Command in chief of his Forces by Sea or Land.

And for the better settling and agreeing an exact Rule for computing the Charges which are to be paid back within 3 years after the War, on the value in ready Money, which possibly may have been chosen by the party injured, in lieu of all, or part of the said Ships, and Forces of Horse and Foot, It has been thought fit that the Charges of 14 Ships, from 60 to 80 Guns, well equipped, shall be estimated at the rate of eighteen thousand six hundred sixty and six pounds Sterling, of English Money, by the Month; and those 14 from 40 to 60 Guns, at fourteen thousand pounds Sterling; and the other 12 at six thousand pounds of the same Money. That the 6000 Foot be valued at 7500l. Sterling, and the 400 Horse at one thousand and forty pounds of like Money, by the month. The said Summes to be paid by the said Lord the King of Great Britain, at London; and by the Lords the States General at Amsterdam; according to the course of Exchange at the time when such Payments shall become due: But for the Foot above-mentioned, there shall for the first Month be paid the summe of 6000l. Sterling, over and above, that summe being found necessary for the raising of them.

V.

This League, with all and every thing therein contained, shall be Confirmed and Ratified by the said Lord



